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Debra A. Howland  
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Public Utilities Commission  
21 South Fruit Street, Suite 10  
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Re: Dkt. No. DG 20-013 Gas Assistance Program  
September 25, 2021 Report to Commission --Request for Technical Session

Dear Executive Director Howland:

Order No. 26,397 in this docket directs Staff and the parties to make a further recommendation "if costs exceed any of the one percent benchmarks..." Order No. 26,397 at 8 (August 27, 2020). That condition precedent seems to have occurred. The referenced recommendation is due in the form of a report to the Commission on or before September 25, 2021. *See id.*

Accordingly, Staff asks the Commission to schedule a technical session for June 22, 2021 at 2:00 p.m. by WebEx. All the parties are in agreement with this proposed date and time. Staff and the parties will file a future procedural schedule following the proposed June 22, 2021 technical session.

Pursuant to the Commission's March 17, 2020 secretarial letter filed in this docket, Staff is making an electronic filing without a hard copy equivalent.

Please note that Mr. Iqbal remains on the service list, however he is now employed by the Office of Consumer Advocate. In addition, the settlement agreement, as approved by the Commission, changed the name of the "Residential Low Income Assistance Program for Natural Gas Customers" to the "Gas Assistance Program." Order No. 26,397 at 9. For that reason, Staff has referenced the new program name in the docket title above, subject to the Commission's preference.

Thank you for your time and attention in this matter.

Sincerely,

/s/ *Mary E. Schwarzer*

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Staff Attorney/Hearings Examiner

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